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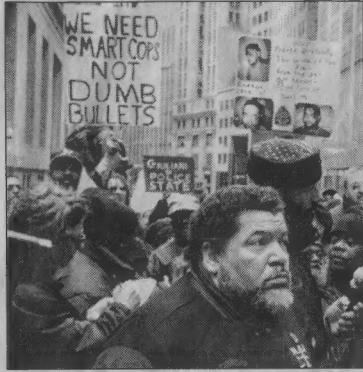
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Angry protesters rallied on Wall Street demanding justice from the police department and the state of New York.

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Rev. Al Sharpton promises weekly protest and civil unrest until justice is served

'Step down Giuliani'

By Lucy Sanchez
and Carl Chase

NEW YORK — Thousands of demonstrators called for New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani to step down or at least submit to the people's cry for justice for victims of police brutality.

The angry throngs followed the Rev. Al Sharpton, and Howard Daughtry to Wall Street and Broadway, the crossroads of the world's financial system. "Just like Martin Luther King upset the commercial district of Birmingham, we've come to disrupt the market of Wall Street," Sharpton said.

"They said we'd get tired after three days," he added. "It's been a month, and we're here to stay over the 'Wall Street' issue. We are here because some of you contributed to (Giuliani's) political campaign," Sharpton said to the

lunch-time assembly gathered outside the New York Stock Exchange. Many of them cited the killing of African immigrant Amadou Diallo and the lack of appropriate response from the city.

"We're going to turn up the pressure. We will have civil disobedience in this city, and we will fight until there is justice. We're going 'Ringo-style,' Sharpton said before sitting down in a nearby intersection to deliberately get arrested.

The unarmed Diallo was shot 41 times by five plain-clothed NYPD officers. Sharpton noted that 30 days had passed since the killing and the officers still weren't arrested. "They say wait. How long can we wait?" he said.

The crowd included activists, Wall Street professionals and concerned citizens. "They need to bring the issues out here," said a Wall Street reinsurance company examiner named Marilyn. "Let people be aware of what's going on. They need to do this every week."

Outside Trinity Church, police were tightly gripping their PR-24 night-sticks as they surrounded Sharpton, Daughtry and several associates who sat in the street and willingly and defiantly waited for the grand symbolism of their pending arrest.

"Why do they need you?" asked a 39-year-old mother from Brooklyn. "It's mostly women out here."

"The protests will go on until Giuliani is behind bars," said Dino Tasova, a 58-year-old artist from Brooklyn. "He is bringing the city into Bedlam (New York) and it's not nice," said the Croatian immigrant, who is white. "Thanks to him, people are coming together against police brutality and injustice. We don't want a police state."

An evening of justice for political activist Mumia Abu-Jamal and Amadou Diallo

NEW YORK — An overflowing crowd of 1,700 people jammed New York's historic Town Hall theater last night for a "Evening of Justice for Mumia Abu-Jamal." Celebrities, human rights advocates, labor leaders and former political prisoners took the stage on behalf of Abu-Jamal, an African-American political prisoner and award-winning journalist on Pennsylvania's death row.

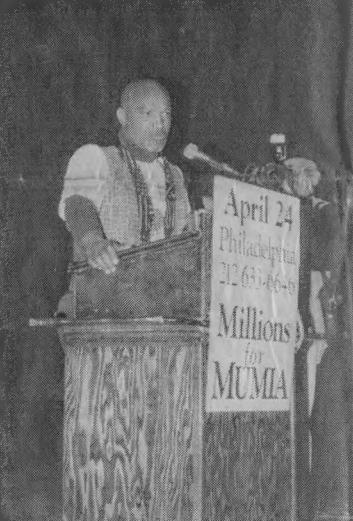
Speakers said Abu-Jamal must receive a new trial and no deal should be made to end his case by Gov. Tom Ridge. They urged the enthusiastic crowd to become organizers for the massive "Millions for Mumia" demonstrations planned for Philadelphia and San Francisco on April 24.

Actor Ossie Davis, who kicked off the meeting with a dramatic reading from Abu-Jamal's book "Live from Death Row," said "We will continue to go to Philadelphia in the millions" on April 24. "We need not only to get ourselves there, we need to raise money to bring other people there."

Other speakers included Pam Africa, Leonard Weinglass, Ramsey Clark, Safiya Bukhari, Dick Gregory, Dennis Rivera, Maude Edwards, Dr. Cornelius Pruiti, Rafael Cancel Miranda, Michael Tarif Warren, Leslie Feinberg, Asanti Chimurenga, Sally O'Brien, Bernard White, Ron Kuby,

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Former Black Panther Geronimo Ji Jaga Pratt



Political prisoner Rafael Cancel Miranda inspired the crowd.



Actor and activist Ossie Davis

Racial profiling infuriates New Jersey residents

By Lucy Sanchez
Staff Writer

New Jersey community leaders and citizens are fired up! The latest disruption was caused by the Superintendent of State Police, Col. Carl Williams. His racially sparked remarks reinforce stereotypical images of minorities and drugs. The community has declared a state of national emergency on the State Police Dept. and has demanded immediate attention.

Two days after Gov. Christie Whitman was attacked of racial profiling in New Jersey. However, this was not enough for the outraged community members. "His views are distasteful, his thoughts are sick and sicken, and he's unfit to hold such a critical, important office," Democrat LeRoy D. Jones told the AP. "He's a racist in the worst kind because he doesn't even know it."

Rep. Reginald Jackson of the Council of Black Ministers and Jones have taken an active stand against racial profiling. "Stop and search about the turnpike and thousands of minorities that have been stopped on the turnpike because of their race... That is absolutely unconstitutional," stated Jackson.

During a public forum on police brutality and racial profiling, held at New Jersey City University, Julius Williams stated that people have been hyped up to believe that blacks are the primary cause of the drug problem in America over three statistics from the United States Dept. of Justice can prove the contrary. The civil rights attorney and former president of the National Bar Association stated that blacks are approximately 12 percent of the national

population and 14 percent of drug users. However, they are 35 percent of those arrested, 65 percent of those convicted and 75 percent of those sent to prison. Furthermore, 90 percent of whites consume crack, and 50 percent of them sale crack/cocaine. However, blacks and Latinos represent 80 percent of those in jail for the sale/use of crack/cocaine.

Former Hudson County police officer Richard Rivera stated that the burden of responsibility should fall on everyone. "The community needs to get involved in holding their police accountable and good police officers need to stop closing their eyes because they don't realize that they are just hurting themselves," stated Rivera.

Rivera risked his life and his job by turning in corrupt officers to the FBI. Since then nine officers have pleaded guilty to racketeering, tax evasion, conspiracy and violation of civil rights. One officer just pleaded guilty to violating the civil rights of over 125 Latinos.

Sen. Frank Lautenberg and Rep. Robert Menendez have helped to force a federal ruling the Dept. of Justice to expedite their investigation. In addition, the NAACP has called on Pres. Clinton and U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno to take immediate action.

"Make no mistake, this is a national State of Emergency that requires the swift and immediate intervention by Pres. Clinton to stop the escalation of apparent police brutality and the excessive use of deadly force in communities of color," said NAACP President and CEO Kweisi Mfume.

Many of the community residents and leaders are furious and frustrated. They are hungry



Rev. Jackson and Assemblyman LeRoy Jones address racial profiling at the State House in Trenton. For solutions and tired of injustice. Through continuous mass mobilization and organization community members vowed to keep pressure on the government until a thorough investigation of the police force has been completed. They also suggested the police force devote more time to sensitivity, ethics, cultural awareness training in order to create better community-police relationships.

A growing number of the state legislature's black, Hispanic and Democratic members are calling for Attorney Peter Verniero as Gov. Christie Whitman's Supreme Court nominee until the Justice Department exonerates him in its probe of racial profiling by State Police profiling, legislators said.

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"This man has presided over a closed investigation when the spotlights needed to come on," state Sen. Wayne R. Bryant (D-Camden) said of Verniero, who is responsible for both the police force and the ongoing internal investigation into profiling charges.

Whitman "seen no reason to delay the Senate vote, and she hopes that it will go forward," Whitman spokesperson Wendi Patella said.

As President Clinton arrived in Newark on March 3, Assemblywoman Nellie Pou (D-Paterson) and other members of the Legislative Black and Latino Caucus asked him to help speed the process.

Clinton, who has been following the controversy, assured the group that U.S. Deputy Attorney General Eric Holder looked forward to meeting with concerned legislators on March 9 in Washington.

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Distraught mother held photo of her son Jovan Gonzalez during the Wall Street rally. Gonzalez was a victim of police brutality.

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Legislators putting brakes on AG's supreme court nomination

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Community Calendar

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10

MONTCLAIR — The New Jersey Astronomical Group presents a discussion on cartoon astronomy featuring cartoonist Kevin Connal at Montclair State University's Richardson Hall beginning at 8 p.m. (973) 680-8420.

ELIZABETH — The Union County Division on Aging will hold an outdoor meeting for senior citizens at Pleasant Hill Community Center beginning at 10:30 a.m. (908) 527-4419 or 1-888-280-8228.

PLAINFIELD — Swain Galleries presents landscape painter S. Allyn Schaeffer displaying some of his award winning painting beginning at 9:30 a.m. (908) 755-1707.

NEWARK — Essex College presents a Women's History Month Celebration featuring Galerie Abstracat at the school's Burch Theater beginning at 11:30 a.m. (973) 877-9800.

THURSDAY, MARCH 11

CALDWELL — Caldwell College presents a music series on swing bands featuring the Gentle Winds Orchestra beginning at 8 p.m. (973) 618-3000.

NEW YORK — The School of Visual Arts (SVA) will hold an exhibit on unusual science fictions at Westside Gallery beginning at 5 p.m. (212) 592-2010.

NEWARK — The Newark Museum After Hours Program presents the 25th Newark Black Film Festival featuring the screening of *Julie Dash's* *Dreamgirls* at 8 p.m. (973) 595-6538.

NEW BRUNSWICK — The State Theater presents the off-stage production of *Beehive* beginning at 8 p.m. (732) 246-7469.

FRIDAY, MARCH 12

GRANFORD — Union County College will host an exhibition of the City's street life through the eyes of artist Joan Arbeiter at Union County College's Tommaso Gallery beginning at 7 p.m. (908) 709-7503.

SCOTCH PLAINS — Union County Vocational-Technical Schools will hold the grand opening of the Bake Shop in Bell Hall beginning at 12 p.m. (908) 885-UCVT(8288).

ELIZABETH — The Elizabeth Playhouse the stage production of *No Time for Comedy* beginning at 7:30 p.m. (908) 522-0277.

PLAINFIELD — The Plainfield Senior

Citizens Center will hold a discussion on women's history in the U.S. beginning at 10:30 a.m. (908) 755-3500.

SATURDAY, MARCH 13

CALDWELL — Caldwell College will hold open registration for adults interested in sociology and criminal justice beginning at 9 a.m. (973) 618-3000.

NEWARK — WBGQ will accept donations of any type of musical instruments at WBGQ studios. For more information on call (973) 645-6940.

MONDAY, MARCH 15

NEW YORK — The Hispanic Organization of Latin Actors will hold its 25th Anniversary celebration at the Players Club beginning at 6 p.m. (212) 691-6988.

PLAINFIELD — The Plainfield Senior Citizens Center will discuss the Community Health Law Project services and programs for seniors beginning at 10:30 a.m. (908) 755-3500.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17

NEW YORK — The Studio Museum in Harlem presents a discussion and exhibit on the works of Richard Powell beginning at 6:30 p.m. (212) 864-4500.

FRIDAY, MARCH 19

CALDWELL — Caldwell College presents pianist Joanne Polk and soprano singer Laura Greenwald beginning at 8 p.m. (973) 618-3000.

NEWARK — Lijima Mission to Africa presents the Third Annual African Heritage Awards Banquet at The Mediterranean Manor beginning at 6:30 p.m. (973) 746-5078.

PLAINFIELD — The Plainfield Senior Citizens Center will hold a birthday for seniors born on the month of March beginning at 1:30 p.m. (908) 753-3506.

SATURDAY, MARCH 20

ELIZABETH — The City of Elizabeth Department of Recreation presents the 10th Annual Easter Egg Hunt at Carteret Park beginning at 10 a.m. (908) 920-4220.

MONDAY, MARCH 22

JERSEY CITY — New Jersey City University will hold its Second Annual Student Renaissance Ball at the school's Hepburn Hall beginning at 10 a.m. (201) 200-3426.

PLAINFIELD — The Plainfield Senior

Raving reviews given to urban radio stations



Recently the City of Newark honored Inner City Broadcasting with an awards dinner at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark. The awards dinner honored Inner City Broadcasting for its commitment to providing top quality programs for the African American Community in the New York/New Jersey area. Inner City Broadcasting owns WLIL-AM and WBLS-FM. (L-R) Kee Thompson, President of Inner City Broadcasting; Pierre Sutton, Lawrence Goldman of NJPAC, and Newark Mayor Sharpe James.

New Jersey's CEO of Bell Atlantic celebrates with The Children's Home



President and CEO of Bell Atlantic New Jersey William Freeman (right) was on hand to celebrate Black History Month at The Children's Home in Mount Holly. Freeman took the kids to reach high for their dreams and did not settle for less in life. Pictured with Freeman is Eleanor Miller, director of development for The Children's Home. The Children's Home is a non-profit organization that provides educational and psychosocial services to abused and neglected youth. Its program serves 40 boys and girls ages 9-17 and its residential program serves 41 boys ages 9-17.

Union County women saluted for 28 years of service



Freeholder Chester Holmes (center) presented Eve Bridges (left) with a resolution from the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders following a Black History Month program at the Rahway library. Freeholder Holmes thanked her for all she has done through the years. Looking on with pride is her daughter Deborah.

Caribbean Studies expert speaks at Bloomfield College



Dr. Adrian McFarlane (center), a visiting fellow at Oxford University and a professor of philosophy at Hartwick College, visited Bloomfield College this week to discuss "Africa, America, Caribbean and African Histories: Their Differences and Similarities." The event was sponsored by the Westminster Foundation at Bloomfield College. Pictured from left are: Doris Brown, Westminster Foundation board member; Rev. Richard Crozier, interim chaplain at Bloomfield College; Rev. Nancy Schuler, Westminster Foundation board member; Linda C. Eppes, Westminster Foundation board member; Linda C. Eppes, vice president for Student Affairs at Bloomfield College; and John F. Noonan, president of Bloomfield College.

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Nation Briefs**JESSE JACKSON LEADS RALLY TO PROTEST POLICE SHOOTING**

RIVERSIDE, Calif. (AP) — The Rev. Jesse Jackson led about 500 people at a rally yesterday through city streets, once again asking authorities to fully investigate what he called the "firing squad" that shot a young black woman to death as she sat in her car.

Tyisha Miller was shot 12 times by four police officers early Dec. 28 at a gas station in a shooting that has inflamed racial tensions in the area about 60 miles east of Los Angeles.

"We don't seek revenge or retribution. We seek remedy," Jackson said.

The county district attorney's office is conducting a grand jury investigation to determine whether charges should be filed against the officers. Jackson said his office is making a preliminary inquiry to determine whether there should be a full civil rights investigation.

RADIO SHOCK JOCK "GREASEMAN" SUSPENDED FOR RACE-RELATED REMARK

WASHINGTON (AP) — Radio shock jock Doug Tracht, known as "Greaseman," has been suspended indefinitely for a race-related remark made on station WNEW-FM.

The station's general manager, Sarah Taylor, announced that she suspended Tracht without pay.

Tracht noted that the Grammy Awards ceremony was scheduled for that evening and played a portion of a song by Lauryn Hill, a young black hip-hop artist nominated for 10 Grammys.

Then he commented, "No wonder people drag them behind trucks."

The reference was to the torture and death in Texas of James Byrd Jr., a black man decapitated while being dragged behind a pickup truck.

Taylor stated she "deplored the comment and was appalled by it."

AMERICAN MUSLIMS BEGIN PILGRIMAGE SEASON

WASHINGTON — On March 25, Muslims in America and around the world will begin observing activities associated with the annual Hajj, or pilgrimage to Mecca. Hajj is one of the five pillars of the Islamic faith. (The other "pillars" include a declaration of faith, daily prayers, offering regular charity, and fasting during the month of Ramadan.) Hajj activities take place during six days (8th - 13th) of the Islamic lunar month of Dhul-Hijjah which begins Monday. Pilgrimage is a once-in-a-lifetime obligation for those Muslims who have the physical and financial ability to undertake the journey. It is also a form of worship that involves the entire being: body, mind and soul.

CONVICTED CHURCH LEADER STILL HAS LONG ROAD AHEAD

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — With a possible seven-year prison sentence ahead of him, the Rev. Henry Lyons, convicted of racketeering and grand theft, pondered his uncertain future in a safe haven — his church. The president of the National Baptist Convention USA, who faced a charge of swindling millions of dollars last week, spent the weekend preaching to his congregation at Bethel Metropolitan Church in St. Petersburg.

Lyon was expected back in Pinellas County for court officials to begin his sentencing in litigation. He faces three to seven years in prison under state sentencing guidelines. A date for sentencing has not been set.

Free on bond until his sentencing, Lyons was allowed to go to funeral services Sunday in Gainesville for his 81-year-old grandmother, who died last week.

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Celebrities, political leaders at Town Hall speak out on police brutality

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Leslie Jones, C. Clark Kissinger, and Monica Moorehead head.

Peter Seeger led the audience in songs. Musical performances were also given by the Bookman Empire and the New York City Aquarian Laundry. Lawrence of John Brown Society presented Mumia Abu-Jamal with the group's highest award, the gold medal. Accepting for Abu-Jamal was Pam Africa of International Concerned Citizens and Friends of Mumia, who was introduced as "the heart and soul of this struggle."

Many Town Hall speakers compared the case of Abu-Jamal, who was framed for his uniring fight against police brutality and the brutal Feb. 4 slaying of immigrant worker Amadou Diallo by four white cops in New York, to the introduction of Mumia by members of the New York Patrolmen's Benevolent Association (PBA) fired miserably, said Town Hall organizers. A counter demonstration by PBA members drew only 50 people.

Abu-Jamal, a former Black

Panther and one-time president of the Philadelphia Association of Black Journalists, has been on death row for 17 years. In 1981 Abu-Jamal was convicted of killing police officer Daniel Faulkner. He has always maintained his innocence, and supporters say he was the target of a frame-up because of his political beliefs and outspoken opposition to racism and police brutality. His trial was managed by a racial and political mismatch.

In October, the Pennsylvania Supreme Court turned down Abu-Jamal's appeal for a new trial. Speakers at the Town Hall rally said a new trial must be held so that Abu-Jamal's defense team, headed by civil rights lawyer William J. Weld, can present compelling evidence of Abu-Jamal's innocence.

Monica Moorehead, a national coordinator of "Millions for Mumia," said, "Mumia's case has shone an international spotlight on the racist death penalty and police violence in U.S. From his tiny cell on death row, Mumia has continued to speak out against all forms of injustice,



Audience members listen intently at the Town Hall meeting for Mumia Abu-Jamal.

inspiring millions of people around the world."

Moorehead said: "Tonight's meeting showed there is broad support to demand a new trial for Mumia. On April 24th, peo-

ple from all walks of life will come together for the massive 'Millions for Mumia' demonstrations in Philadelphia and San Francisco.

"This is the time for all peo-

ple of conscience, all people who hate racism and who believe in justice, to stand together and make their voices heard. Mumia Abu-Jamal must not be executed. He must receive a new trial."

Clinton raises millions for Torricelli

By Carl Chase
Staff Writer

NEWARK — President Bill Clinton was in New Jersey for the first time in over a year when he stopped in Newark yesterday. "I want to congratulate everyone who had anything to do with building this wonderful Performing Arts Center."

From the main stage at the NJPAC, he thanked Torricelli for his unwavering support of his arts center, which came in handy over the past year. "Bob Torricelli has been a friend in good times and bad times. I'll never forget it."

Clinton called on Americans to bolster the Social Security and Medicare from the federal surplus. "We ought to put first

He asked support for his federal proposal to encourage investment in inner cities similar to a program that spurs foreign investment. "If it works overseas, it will work for you."

Clinton and the senator have made great strides to combine to help keep the area's current vitality, Newark Mayor Sharpe James said. "From putting police

officers on our streets to creating new jobs to fighting for Social Security and Medicare, Newark and New Jersey are on a roll."

Even as pickets outside yelled "shame on you" at supporters of the renamed Clinton for America's moral decline, Torricelli was clearly gratified on that March 3 night.

Torricelli — who voted against impeachment last month despite his displeasure at Clinton's behavior regarding the Monica Lewinsky affair — has remained among Clinton's staunchest allies on mainly Con-

stitutional grounds.

Torricelli has called the impeachment campaign a "fawed prosecutor's unending pursuit of a duly-elected President."

The President showed his gratitude by contributing his own celebrity to a grand triumph for Torricelli: the thousand-dollar-a-plate gala raised \$2.15 million to fuel the senator's bid for re-election. About 95 percent of the 2,000-plus supporters were New Jerseyans, aids said.

Torricelli thanked the audi-

ence of about 1,500 for their overflowing support. "You aren't involved in politics simply for yourselves. You're here for a country that needs you, and that's what makes you special."

He said the country is enjoying enormous prosperity, citing a 6 percent annual growth of the economy and the "best employment records in 40 years."

However, many public schools still remain in dire straits, families still lack decent care and seniors need Medicare, he said. He called for cooperation from Republicans for what's

left of Clinton's term. "You do no damage to Bill Clinton if you deny us the next two years of productive (national leadership). You'd only do damage to the United States."

The national leaders appeared after actor Kevin Spacey and very hard acts to follow: Gospel singer Cissy Houston's rendition of the National Anthem, and disco queen Gloria Estefan, a Newark native, sang "Never Say Goodbye" and what might be Clinton's theme, "I Will Survive."

Yankees, Nets to merge teams

By Ronald Blum

NEW YORK (AP) — In a move that shakes up sports cable TV but won't change George Steinbrenner's role as The Boss, the New York Yankees and the New Jersey Nets signed a letter of intent to merge the two teams into one company.

The deal creates a new holding company, Yankee-Nets, that the teams value at about \$1.4 billion. The baseball and basketball teams will be as separate entities under their current leadership, with Steinbrenner running the Yankees, and Lewis Katz and Ray Chambers running the Nets.

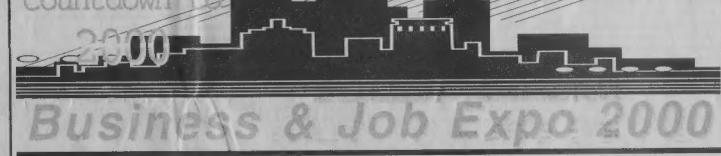
"Nothing is going to change here," Yankees managing Joe Torre said.

However, money will be paid by new partners in the company could help build an arena for the Nets facility in Newark, reconstruct Yankee Stadium or build a Manhattan ballpark, said a baseball official speaking anonymously.

The deal is part of a package of deals next year that the Yankees' revenue in 2001 could approach \$250 million, in stark contrast to small-market teams' annual revenue as low as \$35 million. The exchange will be completed in time with the new owners expected to approach both Time Warner Inc. and The Walt Disney Co.'s ESPN unit about starting a new regional sports cable network. The Yankees' \$480 million, 12-year contract with Comcast Cablevision System Corp., IMRG and WorldCom expires after the 2000 season, and the Nets' contract with Fox Sports New York, another Cablevision unit, expires after the 2002 season.

Steinbrenner had been in negotiations for a year to sell the team. He led a group that purchased the Yankees from CBS Inc. in 1973 for about \$10 million and owns about 50 percent of the team, then approached the Nets, who were bought last summer by the 150 million-dollar Katz and philanthropist Raymond Charenco heading the group and comedian Bill Cosby a part owner.

The deal values the Yankees at \$700 million and the Nets at about \$150 million. The deal is to be funded by new partners such as the investment bank Allen & Co. Inc., and the real estate company Tishman Speyer, the baseball official said.

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EDITORIAL

Getting to the root of evil

People are not born evil. They are taught it. People are not born racist, sexist, homophobic, profit hungry, self-centered and unipurpose. They are products of these self-destructive behaviors and ideologies that are perpetuated in our society today. It is much easier to do than it is to do good. It is even harder for the good to stand up to those who are maliciously devoting their lives to power, racism, sexism, homophobia and that which left this world.

Therefore, let's explore where these thoughts developed. They are nourished and most of all how to eradicate them. Our global structures have been built by several world powers who kill at will to expand and control other land, people and economies. Trillions of innocent men, women and children have died in these battles to obtain a man-made status which has brainwashed people into believing that they must buy nature. That they can claim nature.

We have produced a society in which we are told that we are products, such as food, land, and water must be traded to a monetary unit. We have produced a society in which there are governments endorsed and enforced war to protect and expand territory to control and exploit the land and the natives in it. We have produced nuclear weapons which can annihilate the human extinction level as we know it today. We have allowed millions of children and babies to die of hunger when there is a surplus of food in our world. We have produced structures to practice genocide to maintain a "God-given" manifest destiny and incarceration of the races; when if we all did our homework we know that there is only one race and that the Nile River runs through all of your blood.

There is a lot more people who know and practice good than those who practice evil. It is up to us to bear the burden and eliminate their ignorance. It takes a wise person to gather up their own ignorance and help others. Anytime someone power or money or being a being is discriminated against or deprived than we all suffer. Anytime someone dies a reckless death than we slowly commit suicide on the human race. Anytime we allow our children to hold firearms and inject their innocent bodies with needles; or believe that we can control human reproduction with fertility drugs, clone young ones, or suck the life out of mothers with vacuums we have created our own destruction.

There must be a revitalization of humane treatment and universal respect for all life forms. We must start this process within ourselves for we are all at fault. We all fall short of perfection in some of our beliefs, practices or knowledge. We are human so that is expected. However, what should not be accepted is the belief that it is all right to maintain these ignorant practices and continue living in denial. Just because a system is in practice does not mean that it is the perfect one. We must challenge and question the source of power that is corrupt in its intentions. So let's start loving ourselves, our neighbors and our future or die knowing that we contributed to a withering society that will explode due to a universal struggle for money, power and greed.

'Colored Fountains' coming to the internet

By John William Templeton

There is a reason that the Creator gave us at least six senses. As we've seen, it is not that we are perched on top of the animal kingdom on the radio of a senior citizen who cried when she saw a photo of white and colored fountains while visiting the Birmingham Civil Rights Museum, my eyes bulged over something else on my computer screen.

On Feb. 24, a group of big companies and 70 "major" universities are unveiling their own private Internet with high-speed broadband that can download federally-allowed computer applications at speeds thousands of times faster than the rest of us. Another federally-financed consortium is building a high-speed Internet II for research universities.

Even a country boy from North Carolina can now get on the Internet.

Originally, the Internet was not supposed to be accessible to the public. It was contemplated and designed when only big companies and federally-funded university researchers needed it.

Because of the threat of nuclear war, it was thought that it could survive because it did not have centralized controls. Now, it has far outstripped the purposes that the U.S. military originally intended it for, even destabilizing authoritarian regimes like the People's Republic of China.

On the Internet, there is the potential for everyone to be equal. Clearly, this is not consistent with American history. So, rather than build high-speed links to grade schools, community centers, libraries, recreation centers, churches and homes, both the federal government and this private consortium want their own Internet. And, you or I won't be able to access them.

You see, they are far too worried about you having the same information they have than any nuclear bomb.

The stakes are bigger than Bill Connor could imagine. With the current Internet as it stands, the impact of a digital doomsday will amount to a \$3 trillion loss of income for Black and Latino households due to lack of access to jobs, business opportunities and equity.

ownership in high growth firms.

Let the access to science, engineering, research and development be further concentrated in the hands of an increasingly wealthy elite, and the gap between the rich and poor in California, home of most of the high technology industry and the high-flying Internet stocks, a new report concludes that the gap between the rich and poor grows wider during the economic rebound following the recession earlier this decade.

The universities behind these exclusive networks are the same ones that are at the forefront of the attacks on affirmative action, meaning those groups who do not attend these universities will be at a big disadvantage.

The Congressional Black and Hispanic Caucus should halt these efforts unless they grant equal access to historically-black and predominantly black colleges and universities, and utilize the technology to allow grade schools where these groups predominate to have access to the top academic resources.

President Clinton and Vice President Gore should be held accountable for their role in catering to technology executives. They've already denied minority ownership in telecommunications with the Telecommunications Act of 1996. This new Internet is the epitome of "white privilege" that the president's race initiative described.

Federal resources should be banned from creating exclusive networks that create the digital equivalent of "White" and "Colored" fountains.

This is another reason why the new lawsuit against the University of California on behalf of Black and Latino students, who scored 4.0 averages, but were denied admission is so critical. The attack on affirmative action is now being scaled up as effort to pull out an entire "needle of the needle" through which all but a favored few are kept from the tremendous wealth being generated through the Internet.

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OPINION

Blacks:

The forgotten victims of the Holocaust

by Barbara Reynolds

Every Black History month there is a flurry of stories about little known facts and folks from black rodeos stars to Negro baseball teams to the Black Nubians who built the Egyptian pyramids.

So, why not the story of the "forgotten victims," those blacks who were referred to as "Rhineland Bastards." The race-mixing was demeaned by the Germans, and when Hitler came to power laws on racial purity were passed that the children of mixed breeding age who were either sterilized or died in the camps under the Nazis euthanasia program that was designed to exterminate those who were considered genetically inferior. "In later years no trace of the 800 children could be found," wrote Len Cooper, a Washington researcher, writing on the Holocaust.

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Kesting who investigated Nazi war crimes wrote about how 100 Negro prisoners of war were executed once they completed the task of digging their own graves." Hitler orders that they be buried by the SS." The Negro prisoners of war and 10,000 black slave laborers used as slave laborers at a factory at Fritzlar, Germany were executed on orders given by the owner of the plant, who was also a Hitlerite Nazi. The term "slave" potato eaters" refers to the fact that they were starving.

In an article, Kesting wrote: "On Dec. 17, 1944 never again the town of Wermuth, Belgium, 11 Afro Americans were brutally executed and their bodies were hung from trees after the executions. These facts were revealed during an investigation conducted by war crimes investigators and autopsies performed on March 18, 1945." And, on May 4, 1944, three Colored American pilots were hanged in the same spot after being taken from a B-17 bomber.

Some of the blacks in Nazi Germany were U.S. prisoners of war. Others were either Africans from or Rhine and Rhineland Malattoes, the offspring of German women, the

African soldiers who were part of the French occupation of the Rhineland in World War I. There had been race mixing in some of the German-occupied African colonies, such as Namibia.

The African soldiers also suffered some 800 Black children, who were referred to as "Rhineland Bastards." The race-mixing was demeaned by the Germans, and when Hitler came to power laws on racial purity were passed that the children of mixed breeding age who were either sterilized or died in the camps under the Nazis euthanasia program that was designed to exterminate those who were considered genetically inferior. "In later years no trace of the 800 children could be found," wrote Len Cooper, a Washington researcher, writing on the Holocaust.

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Africa really matters...doesn't it?

By Askaia Muhammad

THE WHITE HOUSE-drum salutes welcoming Ghana's President Jerry John Rawlings as he arrived at Blair House for his State Visit with President Bill Clinton Feb. 24, seems more like Malcolm X Park than Lafayette Park.

That same day on Capitol Hill, Rep. James Jackson, Jr., in reporters about Africa trade bill, told the South African counterpart, Thabo Mbeki exchange toasts and look to the future.

It's like old days when, Africa really mattered in the lives of Blacks in America, or is it? Are we still listening? Is anyone talking? Does Africa really matter?

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In East Africa, Hailemariam Desalegn, who was born in Ethiopia and raised in Eritrea, once had high hopes of becoming a leader of South Africa.

With the exception of the Sudan where Islam governs (read Amb. of War), we have been unable to assign any guilt for the bloody Black-on-Black carnage that leaves the entire continent and most of its people poor, disengaged and owned by the North Ethiopia and Eritrea, once brothers in opposition to Italian occupation, are now fighting cats and dogs. In the South, Africa continues to suffer the ravages of a two-decades-old rebellion, with no end in sight.

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in my gut, Africa seems to matter less to us than it did 25 years ago.

Like our own domestic problems with religious violence and our inability to find common ground, all our partners to look like us, we seem most important in the face of rampant war and killing in Africa.

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SEARCHING FOR AN AFRICAN

American electoral strategy

By Dr. Conrad W. Worrill

I have stated repeatedly in this column that politics is "the science of who gets what, when, where, and how." This is an important concept for African people to understand.

It is important to begin the black political movement with the acquisition of political power strength of our political party.

If we are to succeed in the continuation of our political party, we must begin with the formation of a political party.

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BUSINESS CALENDAR

THURSDAY, MARCH 11

LINCOLN — The Monmouth County Park System will sponsor a walk at Thompson Park Visitor Center beginning at 7:30 p.m. (732) 842-4000.

SATURDAY, MARCH 13

NEWARK — Kingdom's Light will hold a free seminar on advertising and marketing services available to Christian business at St. Joseph's Plaza, 530 p.m., 1-868-477-KING (5469).

TUESDAY, MARCH 16

CARFORD — Union County College will offer courses in real estate and real estate licensing beginning at 6:30 p.m. (908) 709-7500.

THURSDAY, MARCH 18

JERSEY CITY — New Jersey City University (NJCU) will hold a free lecture on financing for college at NJCU's Women's Center beginning at 7 p.m. (201) 200-3426.

BRIDGEWATER — The Somerset County Chamber of Commerce will hold a seminar on job hiring at the Arbor Glen Conference Center beginning at 8 a.m. (908) 725-1552.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24

ISELIN — The New Jersey Energy Expo presents a seminar on strategies for the deregulation of the power companies in New Jersey for the 21st Century at the Sheraton Woodbridge Hotel beginning at 7:30 p.m. (908) 273-1074.

THURSDAY, MARCH 25

ELIZABETH — Continental Airlines Inc. presents a business opportunities open house at the Wyndham Garden Hotel beginning at 8 a.m. (973) 376-2255.

SATURDAY, MARCH 27

MORRISTOWN — The Refrigeration Service Engineers Society presents a seminar on the service industry in New Jersey at AlliedSignal Corporation Headquarters beginning at 9 a.m. (973) 376-2255.

NEW BRUNSWICK — The New Jersey Motor Group presents the 15th Annual Job Fair at the State Theater beginning at 10 a.m. (973) 593-0189.

Cut your taxes by hundreds of dollars per child

WASHINGTON — The news for 1998 tax returns is something every parent will be glad to hear: Now, for each qualifying child under 17, you may be able to subtract up to \$400 from your 1998 federal income tax, unless your income exceeds specified levels.

For each qualifying federal tax return, the Child Tax Credit will go up to \$500 per qualifying child.

The Child Tax Credit is an important benefit of the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997, passed by Congress and signed into law by the President.

You've had exemptions and deductions before, but this is different — a full credit can cut your federal tax by \$400 per child. This is a credit that puts the extra money right in your hands.

Who qualifies for the \$400 credit?

Your dependent child or descendant, stepchild or foster child for whom you can claim a dependency exemption. The child must be under 17 as of 12/31/98, must be a U.S. citizen or resident, and must have a Social Security or other I.D. number, entered on your return.

Do you have three or more children? If so, you may be allowed a total Child Tax Credit that, in some circumstances, can exceed your regular tax liability — which is not ordinarily the case.

You may even get a refund if this additional credit, depending on the Social Security and self-employment taxes you pay, plus any earned income credits you receive.

Note: For one or two children, your total tax credit cannot exceed your reg-

ular tax liability.

Income restrictions apply.

Your total Child Tax Credit is reduced by \$50 for each \$1,000 that your Modified Adjusted gross Income exceeds \$110,000 for joint filers, \$75,000 for unmarried, or \$55,000 if married filing separately.

For your 1999 tax return, the Child Tax Credit will go up to \$500 per qualifying child.

How do you claim this credit?

Figure your tax using the worksheet in Form 1040 or 1040A instructions.

Then, enter it on Line 43 of your Form 1040 or Line 20 of Form 1040A. For three or more children, attach Form 8812. Taxpayers are allowed to claim both the dependency exemption and the

Child Tax Credit.

Start enjoying Taxpayer Relief right away.

Do you expect a bigger refund on your taxes as a result of this new Child Tax Credit? If so, you can take home more money by cashing starting earlier than ever. Ask your employer to lower the amount withheld from your pay. Use Form W-4, available from your employer or the IRS.

However, to avoid a penalty for underpayment, your withholding and estimated tax payments for the 1998 return must total either 100 percent of your 1997 tax liability, or at least 90 percent of your estimated tax liability. If the amount is no penalty, getting a refund from the IRS? The Child Tax Credit can increase it by \$400 per child.

How to increase your net worth through savings

Everyone knows that saving money is the best way to increase your net worth. However, knowing this fact and acting on it are two different things. It is very easy to come up with excuses not to save. Still, however, by not saving money, you are putting off a short term inconvenience that will probably grow into a long-term problem.

I agree that **Dale G. Caldwell**

is difficult to save money. It is even more difficult to save all of the money that you will need to achieve a financial goal. However, there are some simple tricks to saving money that you should know. The first trick in saving money is to minimize the amount of money that you spend on unnecessary things.

Determine how much money you spend each month on items you don't really need. The best way to do this is to keep a record of what you buy and spend for three months. On a piece of paper list the date of the purchase (or payment), the name of the item purchased (or paid) and the amount spent. Then, add up the total.

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Religion

March 10 - March 16, 1990

RELIGION CALENDAR

SUNDAY, MARCH 14

NEWARK — Beulah Baptist Church will hold an Annual Day celebration featuring Voices of Deliverance beginning at 3:30 p.m. (273) 642-4817.

SATURDAY, MARCH 20

DUNELLEN — Dunellen United Methodist Church will host its 18th Annual Spring Fling Craft Show beginning at 9 a.m. (908) 769-9294.

FRIDAY, MARCH 26

PLAINFIELD — The Plainfield Lions Club and The Rose of Sharon Community Church presents the gospel musical drama *The Promise* at the Plainfield High School Auditorium beginning at 7 p.m. (908) 226-1449.

SATURDAY, MARCH 27

NEWARK — New Hope Academy Church presents An Evening of Inspiration with Susan L. Taylor to benefit New Hope Academy at Hopewell Baptist Church beginning at 6 p.m. (973) 242-3305.

Ordination service at Rose of Sharon

PLAINFIELD — The Rose of Sharon Community Church was proud to have a unique ordination service held on Sunday February 21st for two of their finest ministers Minister Doris J. Gray and Minister James H. Hutchins. The pastor, clergy and board of presbytery will be consecre-

ated Saturday, March 24th.

Minister Doris Gray

Minister James H. Hutchins

A woman's Bible looks at the virtuous woman T. D. Jakes looks at Proverbs 31

To change the world, we must first change ourselves

By Junius Ricardo Stanton

"But the struggle to change systems - structures and values - must begin with the struggle to change ourselves, i.e. our own views and values and the negative and non-productive ways we've organized and live our daily lives."

Only then can we create the social force we need to defend and defeat our oppressor. Regardless of what the dogmatists of the left and right declare, real social change will not be a product of new social institutions but rather men and women to share these new institutions in their own interests and image." - Maulana Karenga

Many people believe the saying "you are what you eat." However, if the food which we take into our bodies is important, think how important, the ideas, values, beliefs, priorities and things we hold dear to us are in shaping our perspective, behavior, lifestyle and world. The great secret of being is life is lived from the inside out. Our thoughts and feelings create an aura around us that people can feel. Our thoughts, beliefs and feelings create our environment. Most people don't realize this or the few who do tend to take the information for granted. But we can take this information into our daily regimen. This ignorance and our inability to synthesize the inner dynamic into conscious decisions is what keeps us impotent, enslaved and impoverished. Too often we see ourselves as the victim, not the actor, and need to struggle to free ourselves from psychospiritual subordination, conformity and Pavlovian manipulation.

The key to liberation is understanding our mind, feeling how we think and assuming control over our cognitive processes. True freedom is being in control of your own mind. Freedom requires courage and diligence to actualize, maintain and practice it. Courage is having the ability to take action in your best interests despite psychological opposition and resistance.

Thoughts are things. Our thinking generates energy. There is an ancient axiom that says energy follows thought. This is true. Thinking and acting in a way can measured by machines that record brain waves.

Thoughts have power and of themselves. They have power to generate responses that create change. If you can identify or recognize them, you can discern, predict, plot and plan the parameters of his or her ambition, striving and existence. So, in the final analysis, our struggle is not just against White supremacy, capitalism, colonialism, imperialism, color and class bias. The penultimate struggle is with ourselves. The struggle is to transform ourselves by revising our thinking, altering our ideas about ourselves and actualizing our potential.

In this new environment we must first examine what in our core beliefs is holding us down, limiting us and sabotaging our development. Once we identify the negative values and beliefs we can begin to uproot them, substituting self-affirming and empowering ideas, values, expectations and actions.

When we redefine ourselves as spiritual beings and accept the fact that we are endowed with awesome potential and an even greater potential that potential for the benefit of the human collective, we will undergo a metamorphosis. We will begin the arduous process of substituting positive and productive lifestyles for the negative and non-productive and currently organize and live our lives.

Change is never easy; replacing old habits and patterns can be difficult. However, if we are to transform ourselves, heal our environment and world, we must muster the courage and determination to change ourselves.

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encouraging and bringing out his strengths. "She is created to help him and encourage him and call forth his gifts.

Knows exactly who God made her to be:

(Not in arrogance) - "arrogance is ugly, but there are few things more attractive than a woman who knows exactly who God has made her to be..."

Generous/unashamedly

... can share her gifts and who can enjoy and celebrate who she is." She gives generously to a person God, the giver of every good and perfect gift. She is eager to bless others as He has blessed her... has learned to live with an open hand and an open heart..."

Sensitive to others

"She cares for those around her who do not have as much as she does... is aware of the needs of others and quick to respond."

With a quest to mature in Christ (Develops strength spiritually, physically, mentally, and emotionally... careful not to leave behind femininity, grace, gentleness, and a tender heart.)

Decorated with strength and honor

(Strives for honor and integrity, remembering that the truth makes her free, and that those who hold on to honor, even if they lose everything else, will always be rich.)

Vigilant and active

"She is alert to the realities of life and works hard. She is a cook, a home manager, a real estate buyer, an investor, a seamstress, a fitness buff! She is a fashion plate... makes sure her family looks sharp...never lazy, active in spirit, soul, and body."

Confident and kind

"not given to false humility, self-abasement, or the 'you're no good' lie of the Devil."

Has tremendous impact on her man's success, inspiring him,

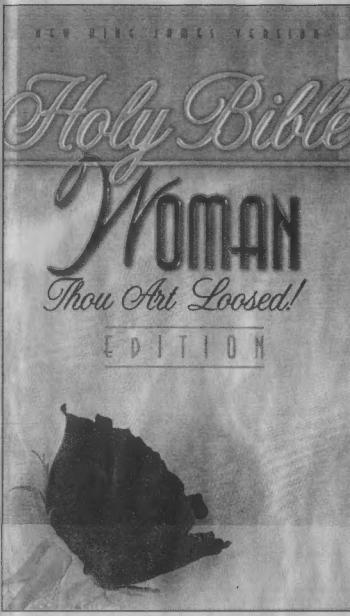
Speaking with wisdom of love, life, and victory.

(Choosing words carefully, speaking of health, victory, love, and life.) "Speak with wisdom and kindness to everyone you meet, understanding that death and life

are in the power of the tongue."

A Challenge in Prayer for Women:

The Holy Bible, Woman Thou Art Loosed! Edition encourages women to seek and find the Virtuous Woman within them, and calls



women to boldly seek life's fullest potential. When you do, your dreams will indeed arise and call you blessed' and that day will gain the praise of your husband. Above all, I pray that you will grow in love and in the fear of the Lord. You shall be praised!"

Rock spoke of racism Sunday in his weekly radio show, which airs in Texas and six other states. He talked of the notoriety Byrd's dragging death brought to Jasper.

"There are those outsiders who have judged us by the actions of only three suspects," Bishop said.

Bishop said that when he moved to Jasper in 1983, he was pleased to find the town's residents trying hard to create racial harmony.

"What he did," Foshage said of King after the mass, "is deserving of hell."

But Foshage said church has an obligation to both the victim's family and the community to offer healing, caring services throughout the weekend.

"I don't believe to the death penalty," Foshage said. "But they (the Byrd family) have the right to demand the death penalty."

At St. Michael's Catholic church, Greater New Berlin Baptist church, the Rev. Kenneth Lyons also used this week's events as a sermon.

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On Thursday, 11 whites and one black sentenced King to death for the June 7 slaying of James Byrd Jr., a 49-year-old black man found slain after he dragged behind a pickup truck.

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HeartBeat

Health Calendar

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10

JERSEY CITY — Jersey City is pleased to announce the beginning of a support group for newly diagnosed breast cancer patients from 8 p.m. - 9 p.m. (201) 915-2273.

TEANECK — Holy Name Hospital is offering a eight week Bereavement Support Group for those who have recently experienced the death of someone close to them beginning at 10 a.m. (201) 837-3740, ext. 276.

BELLE MEAD — The Resource Center For Women and Their Families will offer a 40 hour training course on how to prevent child abuse and domestic violence beginning at 9 a.m. (908) 359-0003.

THURSDAY, MARCH 11

TEANECK — NJ Chapter of the Arthritis Foundation and the Arthritis Hospital invited you to attend a free lecture on "Arthritis in Athletes" Management" beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the hospital's Marian Hall, 716 Teaneck Road.

NEW YORK — Newark C and harm reduction center featuring Dr. Michael Sorell, MD, and Dr. Billie G. of Chicago Recovery Alliance will begin at 4 p.m. at the Open Society Institute (212)549-0695.

PLAINFIELD — The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive at the ARCA/EUC Chapter beginning at 1 p.m. (908) 756-6414.

MONTCLAIR — Montclair State University will offer two allied health programs beginning at 7 p.m. (973) 655-4333.

FRIDAY, MARCH 12

PLAINFIELD — The Plainfield Senior Citizens Center will hold a discussion on heart health beginning at 12 p.m. (908) 753-3505.

SATURDAY, MARCH 13

PLAINFIELD — Open blood drives will be sponsored by The Blood Drives of New Jersey at the Plainfield Little Falls Lodge, 14 Lincoln Ave. from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. (800-256-5365).

TEANECK — Holy Name Hospital will hold a two seminar on anger at the hospital's Marian Conference Hall beginning at 1 p.m. (201) 833-3166.

TUESDAY, MARCH 16

TEANECK — Holy Name Hospital will offer massage therapy sessions at the hospital's Health Service Building beginning at 5 p.m. (201) 837-1850.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17

JERSEY CITY — Jersey City Medical Center will offer a support group for breast cancer survivors at the hospital's conference room beginning at 6 p.m. (201) 915-2273.

THURSDAY, MARCH 18

PHILIPSBURG — Planned Parenthood of Greater Northern New Jersey inc. will hold a conference and refreshments for the new center with prenatal care, Robert Silverstone, PhD at the Holiday Inn beginning at 6 p.m. (201) 489-1265.

TEANECK — Holy Name Hospital will offer a course in Tai Chi at the hospital's Health Service Building beginning at 10 a.m. (201) 833-3168.

FRIDAY, MARCH 19

PLAINFIELD — The Plainfield Senior Citizens Service Center will offer blood pressure screenings for senior citizens beginning at 10 a.m. (908) 753-3505.

TEANECK — Holy Name Hospital will offer free blood pressure screenings at the hospital's Health Service Building beginning at 1 p.m. (201) 837-1850.

TUESDAY, MARCH 23

SOUTH PLAINFIELD — The Carrier Foundation will offer a free educational program on parenting skills at the South Plainfield Center beginning at 7 p.m. (201) 833-3188.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24

GREENSBROOK — The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive at the Greenbrook Manor Nursing Home beginning at 4 p.m. (908) 756-5644.

SATURDAY, MARCH 27

TEANECK — Holy Name Hospital will offer a CPR training course for adults and infants at the hospital's Nursing School Center beginning at 8 a.m. (201) 833-3186.

HIV hits minorities hard

Infected needles is a major cause in the six percent increase in NJ

New Jersey counties ranked by percent change in number of persons living with HIV from December 31, 1997 to December 31, 1998

County of residence	Persons with HIV as of 12/31/98	Percent change from 12/27 to 12/98
Sussex	42	35
Morris	173	22
Bergen	375	12
Warren	32	10
Ocean	203	9
Essex	4,113	8
Mercer	493	7
Hudson	1,571	6
Union	854	5
Middlesex	572	5
Camden	553	5
Atlantic	655	4
Monmouth	670	4
Salem	76	4
Burlington	185	3
Somerset	129	3
Passaic	1,041	3
Cumberland	186	2
Cape May	83	0
Gloucester	99	-2
Hunterdon	29	-9
Incarcerated	678	4
Unknown County	46	24
Total	12,858	6

Source: Analysis by the Dogwood Center of data published by the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services. Release date 2/28/99.

these newly infected individuals will cost over nine million dollars a year*

Study: Doctor prejudice may be a factor in heart care

By Linda A. Johnson
Associated Press Writer

Unconscious prejudices among doctors may explain why women and blacks complaining of chest pain are less likely than men and whites to receive the best cardiac testing, researchers suggested in a new study recently published.

They also found such differences in care before attributing them to financial barriers and differences in patients' preferences, medical condition and access to care.

However, the new study of 720 patients being equal factors were only 60 percent as likely to undergo cardiac catheterization for women and blacks as for men and whites.

For black women, the doctors were only 40 percent as likely to order a coronary angiogram, a "gold standard" diagnostic test for heart disease. It involves squirting dye into cardiac arteries, then X-raying them to find blockages and determine the best treatment.

"How likely this is an underestimate of what's occurring," Dr. Kevin Schulman of Georgetown University Medical Center said, because the doctors knew their decisions were being recorded, though not why.

In the unusual study, doctors attending medical conferences were told they were participating in a study to test the effects of gender, ethnicity and viewed media data and a taped interview with one of eight "patients." The patients were really actors.

There were two black women, two black men, two white women and two white men, divided into two identical groups. In one group, all the patients were said to be 35, in the other group, 70.

The actors described identical symptoms. Information such as insurance coverage, profession and results of a stress test were the same.

Still, researchers found disparities in treatment recommendations.

"We still need to understand a lot more about why these differences occur," Schulman said. "This may be unconscious."

The research was reported in the New England Journal of Medicine.

Another journal report suggests that black patients with congestive heart failure have a higher risk of death or worsened disability than whites getting similar treatment.

In congestive heart failure, the heart's ability to pump blood gradually decreases, causing pain, shortness of breath and other symptoms.

Researchers at the National Heart,

Lung and Blood Institute, examining data from an earlier study, found 42 percent of black patients received fewer medications than white patients with 36 percent of whites. For patients with the disease but no symptoms yet, 22 percent of blacks died vs. 14 percent of whites.

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Black health workers fight exploding AIDS racial divide

By Laura Neergaard

WASHINGTON (AP) — Black Americans are becoming infected with AIDS at record rates, receiving poorer care than whites and dying faster.

Now almost two decades into the AIDS epidemic, about 1,000 health care providers and activists are meeting for a first medical conference on AIDS among black Americans — a frantic hunt for ways to fight the exploding racial divide.

AIDS in the United States is evolving from a disease that once mostly affected white homosexuals into one largely of poor blacks, often infected from dirty drug needles or heterosexual encounters.

Blacks make up 12 percent of the U.S. population, but 45 percent of new AIDS cases. AIDS has been the leading killer of blacks between 25 to 44 for most of the decade. One in 50 black men and one in 160 black women are estimated to be infected.

"It's an historic event," Phil Wilson of the National Black Lesbian and Gay Leadership Forum told the conference Thursday. "What we do...will determine whether or not we make a difference."

Wilson said the forum is "a daunting challenge like we faced in the civil rights movement," added Stephen Thomas of Emory University.

The doctors, social workers and activists sought practical, day-to-day advice from the field. HIV/AIDS victims in communities often wracked by poverty and drugs, where a legacy of racism has left distrust of the medical system.

How do you get a drug user or a homeless person tested for HIV? How do you keep them off to go to a clinic only open weekdays? You're surprised that the bus driver quit taking the AIDS medicine you prescribed — even though the main side effect was diarrhea?

"We're talking about reaching people who might not have had a meal since noon yesterday, and they're still sitting in the clinic" for four hours because the doctor overbooked, complained Debra Hickman of Baltimore's Sisters Together and

AIDS among minorities is critical. The administration is spending \$156 million this year and seeking \$171 million next year to fight AIDS.

But Congress last year refused to use federal money to buy clean needles for drug addicts, one way to prevent HIV's spread. Frustrated at the ban, administration doctors urged local communities Thursday to raise the issue themselves for needle exchanges.

And critics questioned if the government's work is fair. One new grant calls for 35 percent of AIDS research sites to be in minority communities, but two-thirds of new infections are in white communities.

The conference's main goal was to empower workers on the front lines of AIDS, providing information and resources to help their communities, said Cornelius Baker of the National Association of People With AIDS.

He said, "We need to make care more culturally appropriate. Maybe clinics need Sunday hours, or you could have free care at church after Sunday services."

And grassroots doctors who don't often get to the fancy international AIDS meetings hungered for the white drugs used.

Non-HIV infected patients with low HIV levels might be all right not taking drugs for a while. Got a patient who won't swallow 15 pills a day? Some new drugs require far fewer.

But there were no easy solutions.

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10

NEW YORK — The New Jersey Performing Arts Center (NJPAC) presents the play *Two Sisters* and a new piece beginning at 7:30 p.m.: 1-888-GO-NJPAC.

NEW YORK — Women of Color Productions presents their First Annual Women in the Arts Festival at The Abrons Arts Center. Call (212) 501-3842 for info.

FRIDAY, MARCH 12

NEW YORK — The New Jersey Performing Arts Center (NJPAC) presents the legendary Chekhovians beginning at 8 p.m.: 1-888-GO-NJPAC.

NEW BRUNSWICK — The Crossroads Theater presents the 10th Annual Gemini Festival, focusing on the new works by African American writers. Call (732) 249-5509 for info.

PAHWAY — Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs presents Walt Blenger at The Arts Guild Center, beginning at 7:30 p.m.: (732) 439-0226.

POMONA — The Seduction Performing Arts Center presents an all-star tribute concert for bluesman Muddy Waters. Call (909) 652-9000 for info.

SATURDAY, MARCH 13

NEWARK — The New Jersey Performing Arts Center (NJPAC) presents The Los Angeles Philharmonic beginning at 8 p.m.: 1-888-GO-NJPAC.

MURRAY HILL — The Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs presents pianist Christopher Giles at Burford Hall beginning at 3 p.m.: (908) 709-0700.

SUNDAY, MARCH 14

PAHWAY — The Union County Division of Heritage and Cultural Affairs presents its award-winning musical *The Wizard of Oz* at the Arts Center beginning at 8 p.m.: (732) 439-8226.

SUNDAY, MARCH 21

NEW BRUNSWICK — Mokoda Ethiopian Restaurant presents a fashion show featuring the works of fashion designer Missouli beginning at 5:30 p.m.: (732) 748-1914.

South Africans confront the brutal legacy of Apartheid in facing the truth with Bill Moyers

NEW YORK — South Africans are in New York this week as part of the negotiated settlement that led to the end of apartheid and the election of Nelson Mandela as president. The Truth and Reconciliation Commission was established by the South African Government to investigate the crimes committed between 1960 and 1994 during the fight against apartheid. Hearings provide a model for airing gross violations of human rights without resorting to Nuremberg-style trials. The Truth and Reconciliation Commission was seen by many in South Africa as a means of healing the wounds of history. "We needed to acknowledge that we had a horrendous past," said the TRC chairman, Desmond Tutu. "We needed to look the beast in the eye, so that the past wouldn't hold us hostage any more."

After more than two years of hearings, the Commission published findings compiled from the testimony of more than 21,000 victims. American hearings continue to move much more easily. "It will be difficult. 'Don't look for someone else to be the one who is going to do the reconciliation,'" he urged his fellow South Africans. "Each

South African is going to have to say, 'What is the contribution I am going to make? What is to be done with what will be a national project?'

For the moment, in the aftermath of the hearings, South Africans are living in an echo chamber of horrors, having listened week after week to a sound track of human tragedy. The stories that emerge from the hearings are a litany of detentions, abductions, torture, rape, kidnapping, rape, and murder. One by one, in some of the most powerful and cathartic television footage ever broadcast, the victims of apartheid and their families look perpetrators in the eye and ask them to admit and regret their actions. For some victims, it is the first time to confront their abusers face to face. For others, whose family members disappeared and were never heard from again, it is the opportunity finally to know the truth about how their loved ones died, and to ask the most commonly-heard question during the hearings: "May we have the bodies back?"

As the Commission moved toward its conclusion, journalist Bill Moyers and producer-director Gail Pelele went among the peo-



As he reports on South Africa's efforts to overcome the bitter legacy of apartheid, journalist Bill Moyers discusses the goals of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission with chairman, Archbishop Desmond Tutu.

and perpetrators, the unrepresentative and the merciful are at the heart of the documentary, *FACING THE TRUTH WITH BILL MOYERS*, premiering Tuesday, March

30, from 9-11 p.m. (ET) on PBS (check local listings). Presented on PBS by The Center/WNET in New York, *FACING THE TRUTH WITH BILL MOYERS* is produced by Public Affairs Television, Inc. Funding was provided by W.K. Kellogg Foundation, Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation, and Mutual of America Life Insurance Company.

"Millions of Americans were caught up in the struggle to end apartheid," according to Moyers. "Through intervention during the struggle for democracy, through efforts to persuade corporations, universities and foundations to disinvest in the racist South African regime, and through intervention by politicians from Robert Kennedy to Andrew Young to Jesse Helms and Patrick Buchanan, the United States and South Africa have been transformed in the second half of the 20th Century. There were images of our own nation. America is still wrestling with its own heritage of discrimination and injustice. We thought that by looking at South Africa's attempt to move beyond a racially divided society—to reconcile and forgive the past—we might learn something for our own future."

Musician pens humorous yet insightful book on ebonics



D.Munyungo Jackson

ments the beauty of the Black English language better known as Ebonics. With humorous illustrations provided by his son, Darryl "Wolf" Jackson, Jr., the text transcends generations and cultural boundaries.

While providing key referrals for everyday speaking habits, Jackson pokes light-hearted fun at what has been a most controversial topic.

"Language is music," he says. "And when you really listen to it, black folk have perhaps the most lyrical and poetic language on the planet." As he emphasizes, he believes that rhythm flows through everything. When it comes to Ebonics, the many and various rhythms are definitely there!

Starting with the letter, A, as in "don't be ashin'" (acting like no fool) through the letter Z, as in

"Zat (Is that) slight with you?" Jackson tactfully highlights the nuances of the language. Full ebonic sentences are rendered along with the "proper" English translation. Under the letter, O, we find: "Abovah" or "Tell my gotta gitta boozoffin' U-booth!" Translation: I got to get in the bathroom. Are you about through?

From one generation to the next, African Americans have passed down a unique language of expression. It dates back to the time of slavery, when in an effort to pass along their traditions, black slaves blended indigenous speech patterns with King's English. This helped maintain a sense of identity.

In light of the terms of many of us unconsciously use every day, we come to terms with the fact that this language we use is about liberation rather than ignorance.

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The son of a postal worker and a firefighter, Iverson was born and raised in Manhattan and began performing at the age of 11 with the world-famous and prestigious Boys Choir of Harlem. It was with The Boys Choir that he received his formal and intense voice training and where he was groomed to use the skills of chante and self-expression through the art of music.

He traveled around the world with the choir and experienced what few children are privy to, for example, seeing Plácido Domingo perform in Japan and singing at the international tour for Luciano Pavarotti's Concert in Central Park.

After meeting the Florencio H. La Guardia High School of Music and Art and Performing Arts in Manhattan, he won scholarships for the Hartt School of Music, where he continued his vocal training. But his plans for graduate study and travel were interrupted when he landed a role in The Firsade Christmas Show directed by Phil McKinley. McKinley was immediately impressed with Iverson and invited him to audition for the position of Ringmaster.

"I was just planning to earn some extra cash to travel with — I never anticipated that I would be invited to an audition for this incredible role," says Iverson. "But I knew that this was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity and I took it."

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PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by the Housing Authority of the Town of Boonton (hereinafter called the Authority), in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, at the Administrative Offices of the Authority at 1925 Chestnut Street, Boonton, New Jersey, on March 26, 1999, at 10:00 a.m. a preceding time. The Authority reserves the right to waive any infirmities in bids and to reject any bid which in its opinion is not the best bid or the Authority to do so. A pre-bid meeting will be held at 9:00 a.m. on March 10, 1999, at the Authority's Administrative Offices at 125 Chestnut Street.

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Boonton Housing Authority

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Submittals will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

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The submittal must include evidence that the architect/engineering firm is licensed in New Jersey and certification that the firms principals or partners have not been disbarred or suspended from practice by any local or state authority.

A non-mandatory site inspection is scheduled for 10:00 A.M., March 10, 1999 to all interested firms.

Interested firms should respond by 10:00 A.M. March 19, 1999 to Ruth O. Gross, Executive Director, Housing Authority of the City of Salem, 205 Seventh Street, Salem, New Jersey 08077.

Ruth O. Gross,
PRM Executive Director

ACCREDITATION SURVEY OF UMDNJ-UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL

The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO) will conduct an accreditation survey of UMDNJ-University Hospital on April 9-10, 1999.

The purpose of the survey will be to evaluate the organization's compliance with nationally established standards designed to ensure quality patient care and safety for the environment of care. Any organization believing that he/she has pertinent information about such matters may request a public information interview with the JCAHO representatives at the time of the survey.

For information on how to request an interview, you may visit University Hospital's website at www.umdnj.edu/univhosptl or call (973) 972-6273.

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1999 COMPREHENSIVE GRANT PROGRAM

The Housing Authority of the Township of Woodbridge will hold a public hearing to present its proposed 1999 Comprehensive Grant Program application on Wednesday, April 7, 1999 at 6:00 PM at the Charles M. Murphy Community Center, 1000 Main Street, Woodbridge, NJ. Comprehensive Grant Funding is used to maintain the Authority's public housing stock and insure its viability for future use.

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Local organizers unite for Mumia

NEWARK — The Greater Newark Milions For Mumia Local Organizing Committee announced that it has secured the endorsements of two prominent area activists for the upcoming April 31 "March for Mumia" Rally slated for April 24 in Philadelphia.

Lawrence Hamm, longtime chairman of the People's Organization for Progress (POP) and just recently the former co-chairman of the Million Man March Coalition, has proudly announced his support for the rally.

Hamm, who helped coordinate and mobilize over 20,000 men from New Jersey for the epic Million Man March, will serve as an outreach consultant for local forces. He was to begin meeting with organizers this week.

"This brother (Hamm) is a valuable resource for our people in this community. We anxiously await his suggestions for us," explained Zayd Muhammad, a spokesman for the Greater Newark LOC.

Delacy Davis and Black Cops Against Police Brutality (BCAP) have endorsed the rally, as well. Davis and BCAP are organizing a community component to the rally, as well as the civil rights movement who traces his own activism back to the days of the famous Scottboro Case, told the standing-room-only audience in an urgent, falteringly tone that he intends to help make Mumia's case "a matter of concern for every breakfast table in the country."

BCAP, a national group of black police officers and the New Jersey Coalition Against Police Brutality, have all condemned the police killing of African immigrant Amadou Diallo in New York.

Organizers are exploring doing some preparation for police brutality seminars with BCAP in preparation for the rally in early April.

Organizers also announced the success of the Feb. 26 Town Hall Meeting for Mumia in New York City, which included the presence of the indomitable Geronimo ji Jaga (Pratt), who endured 27 years of wrongful

incarceration for his work with the Black Panther Party, and the ageless Ossie Davis.

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The Greater Newark LOC also announced that it has already secured the support of organizations like Black Nia Force, Black Solidarity in Support of The Million Man March (WSSMM), African Echoes, the Pan-African Muslim Movement and the African Globe Studio.

On the student front, the Black Student Union of William Paterson University held their own rally for Abu-Jamal recently on their campus.

The LOC and the African Globe are preparing to bring together area artists to come out for Abu-Jamal at the Globus Studios in Newark on April 2.

The Greater Newark Local Organizing Committee is holding a benefit at the WISDOM Mansion, 53 Lincoln Park, Newark at 7 p.m. Organizations, businesses, churches and mosques wishing to endorse the rally may call (973) 624-1440.



Revolutionary journalist Mumia Abu-Jamal

Coors salutes contributors to basketball

EDISON — The centerpiece of Coors Brewing Company's celebration of the NBA's 50th anniversary is "Passing Glory," a salute to those African-American players, coaches and people behind the scenes who have made a difference to and through basketball. The program includes a sweepstakes and radio talk show featuring one-on-one with Mac Davis and Jeff Foxx, on-air personality at WBLIS-FM. RADIO, based in New York City, look over the Coors Light "Passing Glory" poster.

In the sweepstakes, displays at retail offer lucky adult consumer winners a trip to Magic Johnson's Midsummer Night's Magic's UNCF all-star basketball charity extravaganza in Los Angeles. Basketball legend Earl "The Pearl" Monroe is making appearances to promote the "Passing Glory" promotion at retail outlets in New Jersey.

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NJ schools will rewrite history

TRENTON — Assembly Education Committee approved a measure Assemblywoman William D. Payne sponsored that would establish a 21-member "Amistad Commission" to develop education and public-awareness programs about the history of slavery in America and the post-slavery triumphs of African-Americans, which will be incorporated into the regular school curriculum.

The commission would be responsible for developing general public awareness programs about the history of racism in America, the efforts to eliminate and eradicate racism in our society, and the many noteworthy contributions African-Americans have made to building this country.

The Amistad Committee was named in honor of a group of enslaved Africans who successfully gained their freedom by overthrowing the crew of the slave cargo ship Amistad and later had their case for freedom successfully argued before the United States Supreme Court would have a broad range of responsibilities, notably, helping to develop improved education programs to teach public and private school children about the history of slavery in America.

"We're not seeking revisionism with this legislation, we're seeking accuracy about the totality of the history of slavery and African-Americans," said Payne.

"The unique cruelties of this country's slave trade - which separated families - are often ignored or given scant attention in New Jersey classrooms," said Payne. "Students need to learn the horrors their ancestors faced and overcame and should realize the significance of African-American contributions to the development of our society."

"Payne said the lack of knowledge of African-American achievements is a contributing factor in the unvarnished negative outlook and the lack of self-esteem and pride that many young African Americans have about themselves and their place in society."

"These young people have never heard the stories about their great grandparents who enslaved ancestors," said Payne. "They don't know the names of their heroes who fought slavery, or that thousands of black men fought in the Revolutionary and Civil Wars, or that their ancestors brought a wealth of talents with them to the New World. This lack of awareness of their achievements has often resulted in feelings of confusion and shame."

"The bill will help to instill pride and develop self-esteem among minority youths who may now lack them, and may also inspire them to achieve educational excellence and may very well unleash unopened intellect among them."

Superintendent Hall headed for Atlanta

By Jeffrey Gold

NEWWARK (AP) — As a career educator with leading roles in the Newark and New York school systems, Beverly L. Hall says she has learned that improving a big district starts in each school.

"You reform a system one school at a time," said Beverly L. Hall, who is leaving Newark superintendent for the top job in the Atlanta school district.

School principals can expect scrutiny, Hall said, noting that about half the 122 schools in Newark have been reprimanded during her four-year tenure, many through retirement.

She was recruited for the Atlanta job during a six-month search for a successor to Benjamin O. Canada, who left in the summer to become superintendent of schools in Portland, Ore.

The Atlanta school board is to vote on her contract March 8, and anticipates she would start work in July.

Hall made \$140,000 a year as

head of the 44,000-student Newark district. She said her salary has not been doubled since she moved to Atlanta, which has 65,000 students.

The "vast majority" of the new principals in Newark came from within the state's largest school system, she told reporters at a farewell news conference, two days earlier after Atlanta announced her selection.

Hall is the only superintendent the troubled Newark schools have had since the state removed the elected school board and took control of the system. She plans to continue her quest to improve, local control could return in another four years.

Before coming to Newark, Hall was deputy school chancellor for instruction in the New York City school system, where she spent 25 years, most of them as an English teacher there; became a principal and rose through the ranks.

Under her tenure, school attendance rose to 90 percent - a 30-year high - crime was reduced and buildings were renovated, according to the district. Test scores began rising, and



Educator Beverly L. Hall

corporate grants flowed in.

Hall and her husband live in Scotch Plains. Although she has spent her career in public schools, she said her son, who is to graduate from college this summer, attended private schools.

Another suspicious blaze hits Plainfield impound lot

PLAINFIELD (AP) — Police are investigating the second suspicious blaze in a month at the city's impound lot.

Firefighters battle a blaze that heavily damaged several cars late Friday night in a Rock Avenue lot.

At least five cars were still burning late Friday night, said Lt. John Coppola of the Plainfield Fire Department.

The investigation is to continue on Saturday, he said.

The impound lot has been the site of suspicious blazes more than once in the past.

"It was pretty big," police Sgt. David Guarino said. "It probably did \$10,000 worth of damage."

"It was toward the back of the lot, but you could see the flames from Rock Avenue. A lot of smoke, a lot of flames."

Guarino said "it was extinguished fairly quickly" by the fire department. No one appeared to be injured in the fire.

The last blaze at the lot occurred late Jan. 23 when 21 cars were heavily damaged and two others were destroyed. Officials deemed that incident suspicious, and city and County Council arson teams began investigating.

Police said a gas can had been found on the impound lot property after that incident, but they did not say whether it could be linked to the fire.

After the first blaze, officials had trouble notifying many of the car owners because the vehicles were burned beyond recognition.

Most of those cars were old and abandoned, fire officials said.

The lot is located on a hilltop owned by Wiggett's Auto Body. It holds abandoned cars as well as recovered stolen vehicles and cars seized during arrests. The Rock Avenue lot was also the site of two fires last spring, fire officials said. Because it is located in a scolded, wooded area not far from the Green Brook, it has been a popular target for vandals and thieves to strike, officials said.



Joan Arbeiter's "Street People" will be on display throughout April.